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SOUTH DAKOTA 2015 CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

SIOUX FALLS, SD, January 12, 2016 -- **Corn** for grain production is estimated at 800 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2014 according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average yield is estimated at 159 bushels per harvested acre, up 11 bushels from last year, and is a new record high surpassing the previous high of 151 bushels per acre in 2009. Area harvested for grain, at 5.03 million acres, is down from last year's 5.32 million acres.

Soybean production is estimated at a record high 236 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year's previous high. The average yield is estimated at 46.0 bushels per harvested acre, a new record high, and exceeds the previous high by 1.0 bushels established just last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 5.12 million, again a record high surpassing last year's 5.11 million acres harvested.

Alfalfa hay production, at 4.18 million tons, is down 4 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 2.20 tons per acre, down 0.10 tons per acre from a year ago. Acres harvested are estimated at 1.90 million, unchanged from last year. **All other hay** production totaled 2.40 million tons, up 5 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1.60 tons per acre, down 0.10 tons per acre from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 1.50 million, up from 1.35 million acres last year. **New seedings of alfalfa** in 2015 totaled 120,000 acres, down from 150,000 acres a year ago. **Total forage** production from alfalfa and other hay was 6.84 million tons in 2015, down less than 1 percent from a year earlier.

Sorghum for grain production is estimated at 18.3 million bushels, up 93 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 83 bushels per acre, up 20 bushels from last year, and establishes a new record surpassing the previous high yield of 80 bushels per acre in 2013. Acres harvested are estimated at 220,000, up from 150,000 acres harvested a year ago.

Oil sunflower production is estimated at 1.05 billion pounds, up 57 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at a record high 1,840 pounds per acre, up 170 pounds from the previous year, surpassing the previous high of 1,800 pounds per acre in 2009. Acres harvested are estimated at 570,000, up from 400,000 acres last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production is estimated at 181 million pounds, down 13 percent from a last year's record production. Yield is estimated at a record high 1,970 pounds per acre, up 260 pounds from last year, and eclipses the previous record yield of 1,800 pounds per acre in 2009. Acres harvested are estimated at 92,000, down from last year's record high 122,000 acres harvested.

Proso millet grain production is estimated at 1.89 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. Yield is estimated at 31 bushels per acre, unchanged from a year earlier. Harvested acres are estimated at 61,000, down from 69,000 acres harvested in 2014.

Dry edible bean production is estimated at 205,000 hundredweight, down 16 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 1,770 pounds per acre, down 110 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 11,600, down from 12,900 acres harvested a year ago.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 288,000 bushels, up 220 percent from 2014. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 16 bushels, down 2 bushels from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 18,000, up from 5,000 acres a year ago.

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